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SKINS VALUED AT \$2,141,000 SHIPPED FROM ALASKA IN 1930

Skins of fur-bearing land animals to the number of 494,547 and valued at \$2,128,148, were exported from Alaska in 1930, a report from the Alaska Game Commission to the Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture, shows. This is \$2,385,715 less than the value of the 1929 shipments, although 197,245 more pelts were exported. The smaller return for 1930 resulted from a general decline in the market value of individual furs. The report is based on the statements that fur shippers are required to file with agents of transportation companies or with post-masters handling the shipments, who in turn must forward them to the Alaska Game Commission.

Red-fox skins, to the number of 16,288 brought a return of \$553,792; 7,855 blue-fox skins brought \$498,350; 4,880 white-fox skins, \$219,152; 1,956 cross fox skins, \$127,140; 1,044 silver fox skins, \$104,400; 27,785 of mink, \$236,172; and 3,491 otter skins, \$80,293. The number of muskrat skins shipped in 1930 exceeded by far those of any other species, and comprised more than 80 per cent of all the shipments. A total of 411,934 muskrat skins brought a return of \$230,683.

The kinds of skins showing an increase in exports during 1930 over 1929 are as follows: Muskrat, 197,245 increase; otter, 538; mink, 1,090; black or

glacier bear, 634; polar bear, 108; silver fox, 36; black fox, 44; marten 461.

Skins of other species showed a marked decrease.

SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION GATHERED BY THE
ALASKA GAME COMMISSION IS GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

Kind of Fur	Number of skins	Average Value	Total Value
Bear			
Black or glacier	1,125	\$ 4.00	\$ 4,500.00
Polar	156	50.00	7,800.00
Beaver	476	20.00	9,520.00
Coyote	306	13.00	3,978.00
Fox			
Red	16,288	34.00	553,792.00
Cross	1,956	65.00	127,140.00
Silver	1,044	100.00	104,400.00
Black	105	50.00	5,250.00
White*	4,848	45.00	218,160.00
Blue*	7,480	65.00	486,200.00
Hare	192	.40	76.80
Lynx	2,980	57.00	20,860.00
Marmot	67	.40	26.80
Marten	637	18.00	11,466.00
Mink	27,785	8.50	236,172.50
Muskrat	411,934	.56	230,683.04
Otter	3,491	23.00	80,293.00
Squirrel	838	.10	83.80
Weasel (ermine)	11,582	1.15	13,319.30
Wolf	355	26.00	9,230.00
Wolverene	495	10.50	5,197.50
Totals.....	494,140		\$2,128,148.74
Pribilof Islands (foxes only)			
White	32	31.00	992.00
Blue	375	32.40	12,150.00
Grand Totals	494,547		\$2,141,290.74

*Not including pelts from the Pribilof Islands.